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REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONIALS
MCH BLOCK GRANT AND WIC STATE PLAN
Friday, May 27, 2016

Available for your review on the New Jersey Department of Health website (<http://www.state.nj.us/health/fhs/index.shtml> - in PDF format) is an electronic draft of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) FFY 2017 State Strategic Plan. An electronic draft of the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Application for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2017 will be posted on this website within the next few weeks. **Prior to each application being finalized, a public hearing will be held on Friday, May 27, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the New Jersey State House Annex, Committee Room 1, 125 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625.**

The hearing will focus on the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, as required by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1989, PL 101-239, Section 501 (A) (1) F (iii) p24 and the FFY 2017 WIC State Plan. Interested parties may provide verbal or written testimonies at the public hearing. Verbal testimony shall not exceed 5 minutes in length and shall be accompanied by eight written copies of the testimony. Those interested in testifying should contact Rita Belfiore at (609) 984-0755 by Friday, May 20, 2016 to arrange a place on the testimony agenda.

Individuals who are not able to attend the hearing are encouraged to submit written comments by June 10, 2016 to Ms. Rita Belfiore, New Jersey Department of Health, Division of Family Health Services, MCH Services Program, P.O. Box 364, Trenton, NJ 08625-0364.

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If you would like additional information about the public hearing, or if you would like a hard copy of the Maternal and Child Health application, contact Ms. Rita Belfiore at (609) 984-0755. Information about the WIC State Plan may be obtained from Ms. Carolyn Providence at (609) 292-9560. If there is a need for a sign language interpreter, contact Rita Belfiore before May 20, 2016.